

## PHILIPPINE COMMERCE IN MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Increased Imports Due to  
Crop Failure.

STEADY GAIN IN EXPORTS

Nearly All Goods Coming From the  
United States Carried Under  
American Flag.

The Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department has received the complete official figures of Philippine commerce for November, 1902. The importations for the month, exclusive of gold and silver and Government supplies, were valued at approximately \$1,000,000, or slightly in excess of the average monthly trade in eleven months of the calendar year 1902. More than half of this amount is credited to the purchase of food articles, and is due in a great measure to crop failures as a result of the recent series of calamities which have visited the archipelago.

The exports show a trade of nearly three and a half million dollars, the largest monthly export showing since American occupation, with the exception of that for September last. Hemp shipments approximated three-fourths of this amount, nearly \$2,000,000 worth being sent to the United States.

In eleven months ending November 30, 1902, the total imports were valued at \$30,573,872. Duty to the amount of more than seven millions was collected, an increase over each of the two previous years.

A steady gain is shown in the exports for eleven months of 1902, as compared with the figures for each of the two preceding years. The total value of this trade in the last calendar year period amounted to \$25,567,269, producing a customs revenue of approximately 5 per centum ad valorem. Exportations to the United States are valued at nearly \$19,500,000 as compared with a showing of but \$2,500,000 in 1900. In these years the trade in hemp has increased in value from \$12,000,000 in the earlier period, of which the United States received 18 per centum, to \$17,500,000 in 1902, when 60 per centum of the total hemp shipments came to this country.

**Duty on Hemp.**  
Under the present Philippine customs tariff the export duty on hemp is fixed at 75 cents per 100 kilos (220 pounds). However, this tariff charge is refunded to the exporter upon a proper showing of compliance with the requirements of section 2, act of March 8, 1902, providing that:

"All articles, the growth and product of the Philippine Islands admitted into the ports of the United States free of duty under the provisions of this act, and coming from said islands to the United States for use and consumption therein, shall be hereafter exempt from any export duties imposed in the Philippine Islands."

A further provision is made whereby the import duty collection (at a rate of 75 per centum of the Dingley tariff) on Philippine goods entering the United States would be transferred to the insular treasury.

**Value of Hemp Rebates.**

The operation of this act, covering the period from date of its passage up to January of the present year, discloses the fact that hemp rebates to American traders amounted to nearly \$385,000, while the benefit accruing to the islands was but \$73,000, or a net loss of \$312,000.

In connection with the movement of vessels engaged in the Philippine trade in 1902, it may prove of interest to note that practically 94 per centum of goods coming from the United States was carried in vessels flying the flag of our country, and 99 per centum of the purchases credited to this country were shipped from the archipelago in vessels clearing under a foreign flag.

## VISITING DAUGHTER DIES FAR FROM HOME

Mrs. Wells Was Delegate to the D. A. R. Congress.

Mrs. L. H. Wells, wife of the bishop of the diocese of Spokane, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. J. Randall, 1832 Jefferson place, last night, after a brief illness. Her body will be taken to Tacoma, Wash., for burial.

Mrs. Wells, accompanied by her husband, came to Washington as a delegate to the D. A. R. congress, she was taken ill shortly after reaching here and never recovered.

## DEPOSIT REFUSED.

The Washington, Arlington and Falls Church Railway Company has offered the Collector of Taxes the sum of \$500 as partial deposit required under the act for alterations to the Aqueduct bridge. Col. John Biddle, the Engineer Commissioner, has suggested that the Commissioners are without authority to accept the deposit of \$500 as part of the amount required, and that the president of the company should be so informed.

## A Serious Mistake.

To the average man it seems childish to doctor a cold, and unless it becomes particularly annoying to him, little or no attention is given it. Often a cold contracted in the winter is allowed to run until the opening of spring. This is a grave mistake, as even though the warm weather may bring relief, the system is thereby weakened and rendered susceptible to disease. A cold should never be neglected, whether it be a child or an adult who is afflicted, as health and often life is risked. A bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, costing but a small amount will bring speedy relief and all dangerous consequences will be avoided. For sale by Henry Evans, wholesale and retail, and all druggists.

# NEWS OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

### Superintendent Piper Returns.

H. L. Piper, assistant general superintendent of the Life-Saving Service, returned to Washington today from Providence, R. I. Major Piper delivered an address in Providence before the manufacturers and jewelers of New England on the subject of the Life-Saving Service.

### Major Fred Hope Convalescent.

Major Fred Hope, of the office of the Auditor for the War Department, who has been in the Homeopathic Hospital for the past seven weeks, is reported much improved and is expected to leave the hospital within a few days.

### Conscience Fund Augmented.

Secretary Shaw yesterday received two additions to the "conscience fund," one of \$5 from Royalton, Wis., and the other of \$1 from Ithaca, N. Y.

### Gold in the Treasury.

Gold coin and bullion to the amount of \$32,754,255.91 is deposited in the Treasury of the United States. The total Treasury receipts for March 2 were \$1,975,739.47, of which \$650,158.81 were customs, \$1,195,501.67 internal revenue, \$101,078.96 miscellaneous receipts. The expenditures were \$1,565,000, of which \$100,000 were civil and miscellaneous expenses, \$120,000 war, \$100,000 navy, \$115,000 Indian, and \$1,000,000 pensions. The excess of receipts over expenditures was \$214,739.47.

### Isthmian Canal Statistics.

The Bureau of Statistics in discussing the two routes for an American Isthmian Canal, gives the following information: The cost of constructing a canal by the Nicaraguan route, and of completing the Panama Canal, without including the cost of acquiring the concessions from the different governments, is estimated as follows: Nicaragua, \$189,864,062; Panama, \$144,233,358. The estimates for the annual cost of maintenance are for the Nicaragua Canal \$3,300,000 for a year, as against \$2,000,000 for the Panama route. The total length of the Nicaraguan route would be 132.65 miles, while the total length of the Panama route is 49.99 miles. The Nicaraguan route has no natural harbors at either end, while the Panama route has natural harbors at both ends. It is estimated that the Nicaraguan Canal could be completed in six years, exclusive of two years for the period of preparation, and that the Panama Canal could be finished in eight years, exclusive of two years for preparation. The idea of constructing a canal connecting the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans is not a new one by any means. Almost four hundred years ago Charles V. of Spain is said to have directed that the Isthmus of Panama be surveyed for the purpose of constructing a canal between the oceans.

### The Public Debt.

The public debt, less cash in the Treasury, at the close of business on February 28, 1903, amounted to \$937,972,568, a decrease as compared to January 31 of \$5,560,065. The interest-bearing debt is \$914,541,200; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,230,520; debt bearing no interest, \$326,744,438; total, \$1,212,515,968. This amount, however, does not include \$884,725,669 in

certificates and Treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash on hand held for their redemption. The total cash in the Treasury is \$1,344,077,366, of which \$150,000,000 is gold reserve, \$884,725,669 trust funds, \$158,799,646 general fund, and \$150,552,651 in national bank deposits. Against this sum are outstanding liabilities amounting to \$969,532,596, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$374,543,470.

### Bank Circulation.

The total national bank circulation at the close of business on February 28 was \$382,798,845, an increase for the month of \$1,174,701. The circulation based on United States bonds was \$338,660,361, an increase for the year of \$18,385,437 and a decrease for the month of \$1,927,578; circulation secured by lawful money was \$44,138,484. The amount of United States bonds to secure public deposits, including \$18,854,900 State and city bonds, was \$153,229,970, and to secure circulating notes, \$342,114,670.

### "Good of the Service."

Secretary Shaw said yesterday that the removals in the customs service at New York were not made for political reasons, but for the good of the service. The Government, he said, loses more money through inefficiency than it does through actual fraud. The changes had nothing to do with the silk frauds.

### Coinage of Gold.

The total amount of gold coined at the mints of the United States in February was \$7,488,310; of silver, \$1,521,000; of minor coins, \$187,370; total coinage, \$9,196,680.

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

### Railroad Cases Argued.

Special Assistant Attorney General Russell began the argument for the United States in the three cases of Oregon and California Railroad versus the United States, in the Supreme Court. These cases involve the question of precedence in the filing of claims in the Land Office. The lands claimed by the railroad company, while still unsurveyed, were settled by a number of homesteaders, some of whom lived on this land fifteen or twenty years before it was surveyed. On the same day the records of the survey were filed in the Land Office, the company filed lists of lands selected as indemnity for lands lost in the "place land limits," including this territory. The settlers filed their claims some weeks later. The Government is seeking to cancel patents issued to the railroad, and to issue new patents to the settlers. There are a number of cases in the Land Office that are waiting the decision of the Supreme Court in these cases.

## INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

### Detailed at White House.

S. H. Cutting, clerk in the Eastern Division, yesterday returned to the Pension Office after a three months' detail at the White House.

### At Mr. Loeb's Request.

Lieut. Herbert W. Meyers, an employee in the new western division of the Pension Office, who has been de-

tailed at the White House for several months, will remain on duty there for another month by request of Secretary Loeb. Lieutenant Meyers is aide on the staff of the commander-in-chief, M. E. Urell, of the National Army and Navy, Spanish War Veterans.

### Returns to Duty.

Arthur H. De Remer, an employee in the appointment division of the Pension Office, has returned to duty.

## POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.

### Parcel Post Convention.

A convention for parcel post between this country and Ecuador will be arranged within a few days by Postmaster General Payne and the minister from Ecuador. It will, however, probably be several months before the treaty is ratified and in working order. Negotiations for parcel post have been considered with several other countries, both in Europe and South America, but no definite action has yet been taken. The present parcel post conventions limit for merchandise sent through the mails at eleven pounds. It is expected, however, that the limit for future conventions will be 4.6 pounds.

### Transferred to Office Work.

Eugene R. White, of North Carolina, has been transferred from the Railway Mail Service to the office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General.

### May Discipline Letter Carrier.

Recommendation has been made to Postmaster Merritt for the dismissal of C. D. Beach, letter carrier, on account of alleged intoxication. While intoxicated, it is said, Beach deposited his mail bag in an eating house and went away. The bag and mail were returned to the office. Beach yesterday tendered his resignation. It will probably not be accepted.

### Postal Service Flag.

The Postoffice Department has under consideration several designs for a flag emblematic of the postal service. The designs include the figure of an eagle clutching an envelope and the present design of a post rider on a circular field. The other departmental flags, and it is expected that the mail transfer crafts will soon be provided with a postal service flag.

## WEATHER BUREAU.

### Crop Conditions.

The general summary of the crop conditions issued by the Weather Bureau for February shows that the month has not been favorable for farming operations in the Southern States on account of excessive precipitation and low average temperatures. The Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys experienced more favorable conditions. The first part of the month was abnormally cold in California. Winter wheat was protected with snow throughout the severe weather, and reports show that the crop is in good condition. Crops in parts of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky have been injured by alternate freezing and thawing. Lowlands have suffered to some extent from overflows in the Ohio valley.

## HEARING IN DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST BRIGHTROAD ROAD

Hearing in the suit of Rosie McManus against the Brightroad Railway Company to recover \$10,000 as damages for personal injuries was begun today before Justice Claiborne in Circuit Court No. 2.

It is stated in the declaration that on April 1, 1901, Mrs. McManus' leg was broken while she was getting off a car owned by the defendant at Florida Avenue and Seventh Street.

## BROWN'S Bronchial Troches

Promptly Relieve Coughs, Hoarseness, Throat and Lung Troubles.

Nothing excels this simple remedy.



The boarding mistress here so fair,  
Serves this bread in her bill of fare.  
She said "The boarders all declare  
'There's always room for more.'"

If all boarding mistresses would follow this one's example and feed their boarders on delicious SUGAR LOAF BREAD, they would have more boarders. Your grocer sells it. Made ONLY by

BOSTON BAKING CO.

25 cents a Bottle

Folk's can't be Permanently weaned from

Sloan's Liniment

For it is a GENUINE REMEDY with merit

ALL DRUGGISTS

## THE STARLIT SKIES IN MARCH

The finest constellations now visible in the western sky. At 9 p. m. on March 15 Orion, the most brilliant of all, is well down in the southwest. Taurus, with the Pleiades and Aldebaran, is to the right of Orion, and Canis Major with Sirius on the left. Canis Minor is above the latter, and Gemini is still higher, almost overhead. Auriga and Perseus are northwest of the zenith, in the Milky Way.

The eastern sky has few groups comparable with these in brightness. Leo is well up in the Southeast, two hours from the meridian, and Virgo follows him, her brightest star, Spica, having just risen. Hydra occupies most of the space to the south of these. But the most conspicuous objects in the eastern sky are the ruddy Arcturus, and, still brighter and still redder, the planet Mars.

Ursa Major is above and to the right of the Pole, Draco lower down, and Cassiopeia below on the left.

### Mercury Morning Star.

Mercury is morning star throughout March, but is not well placed for observation, being south of the sun and rising little more than an hour before him. On the 15th he is in conjunction with Jupiter, passing south of the latter at a distance of 1 1/2 degrees. With his brighter neighbor to point him out, he may perhaps be seen low in the southeast about forty minutes before sunrise.

Venus, being on the opposite side of the sun, and north of him, is well placed for observation. On the first she sets at about 7:30 p. m., and thereafter she is visible a little longer every night, till at the end of the month she remains in sight until 8:30. She is gradually growing brighter, though as yet she is not nearly as conspicuous as she will be in May. Mars comes to opposition on the 20th, and is visible all night long. He is in Virgo, not far from Spica, on the line toward Regulus, and is moving slowly westward, in the direction of the latter star.

This present opposition is, however, an unfavorable one, as Mars is in the part of his orbit which is farthest from the earth, as against 49,000,000 at the average opposition, and 35,000,000 at the most favorable. On these latter occasions he is more than three times as bright as at present, and is an exceedingly striking object. The next such favorable opposition comes in 1903.

### Mars and His Tiny Satellites.

But even in his present diminished splendor, Mars is now the chief adornment of the midnight skies, surpassing in brightness all the fixed stars except Sirius. The most conspicuous markings on his surface are visible with small telescopes, but the study of the finer details demands the highest optical power. Though he will undoubtedly be carefully

observed at this position, as usual, he is so far off that it is hardly probable that much that is new will be discovered concerning him. It is to be regretted that his satellites are only visible in the largest telescopes, as they are among the most interesting bodies in the solar system. They are the smallest bodies so far known to astronomy. Their diameters cannot be directly measured, but by comparing their brightness with that of the planet, it is calculated that they are about five and seven miles in diameter, the outer one being the smallest known. The outer satellite, Deimos, revolves at a distance of 14,600 miles from the center of Mars, while the inner one, Phobos, is but 5,800 miles from the center of the planet and only 3,700 from his surface. Their periods are also very short, that of Phobos being the shortest of all the bodies of our system—7 hours 39 minutes. The apparent motions of these bodies, as seen from the planet's surface, are remarkable.

### Phobos' Rapid Motion.

The period of rotation of Mars is 24 hours 37 minutes. That of Phobos is less than one-third as long, so that for an observer on the planet's surface it would seem to move eastward among the stars three times as fast as they were carried westward by the diurnal motion. It would consequently rise in the west, and set in the east, making rather more than two complete circuits of the heavens in a day.

The period of Deimos is longer than the Martian day, so that it rises in the east like other bodies. But as its orbital motion compensates for more than four-fifths of the diurnal motion, it rises only at intervals of five days. Both satellites are conspicuous objects as seen from the planet. Phobos must appear to be about one-fifth the diameter of our own moon, so that its phases would be visible to the unaided human eye, could we get into a position to see them. Deimos would be almost as bright as Venus, but its phases could not be detected without instrumental aid.

Jupiter is morning star in Aquarius, rising at about 4:40 a. m. at the end of the month.

Saturn is morning star in Capricornus, and rises about an hour and a half earlier than Jupiter.

Uranus is morning star in Ophiuchus. On the 16th he is in quadrature with the sun, and is due south at 6 a. m. Neptune is in Gemini, and is in quadrature on the 22d, being on the meridian at 6 p. m.

On March 23 there will be an annular eclipse of the sun, invisible in North America except in Alaska, where a large partial eclipse may be seen shortly before sunset. The annular phase is visible in parts of eastern Siberia and Mongolia, and the partial phases throughout the eastern half of Asia.

## Laxative Bromo Quinine

Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days

## E. W. Howe

on every box 25c

## Germany Leads the World in Curing Consumption.



No one denies that Prof. Koch of Germany cures consumption.

The German Government employs him at an immense salary to cure consumption in the public hospitals.

By the use of the Koch Inhalation vapors of the healing oils are easily breathed into the air tubes, causing the lungs to be filled with them, and the lungs are healed as if by magic. The vapors are composed of antiseptics, disinfectants, and the great Koch Tuberculin, and the effect is to kill the disease germs and expel them. In fact, no form of germ life can live when thoroughly under the influence of the Koch Inhalation.

The physicians of Washington are invited to join the class of instruction beginning the first Monday of every month. The trial treatment is here given to prove the wonderful value of the new Koch system.

The addresses of thousands of cured patients will be gladly given. Call and see the wonderful inhalation invention. You will find that the treatment has absolutely cured hundreds of patients in many cities after every known medicine has failed.

Don't take any more medicine into the stomach. Lung medicine is always hard on the stomach.

Be skeptical if you will until you have investigated, but investigate and find out the truth. The doctors invite sharp criticism. Their cures will bear investigation. The Washington office is at 720 11th Street northwest. Consultation and examination free. Send for booklet describing and illustrating the treatment.

## GHEATERS

Heat being needed at all times, it is necessary to obtain the cheapest and most effective means of obtaining it. This explains why Gas Heaters are used. They're safe and sure—heat quickly and well, and the cost of fuel is very little. We have a complete stock of Gas Heaters.

## GAS APPLIANCE EXCHANGE,

1424 New York Ave.

## CONGRESSIONAL COFFEE, 35c lb.

GREAT & PACIFIC ATLANTIC TEA CO.,

Corner Seventh and E.

Rows of empty houses do not embarrass the Real Estate Dealer who uses The Times Want Columns.

## WE BUY

STORES AND STOCKS

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION

FOR SPOT CASH

THE SPEEDY OUTLET CO.

416 SEVENTH STREET N. W.

Low Newmyer,

425 9th St. N. W.

"Tailoring That Suits."

Watch for Our Opening

Announcement.

An unequalled stock of well things for Spring Suitings on display in a day or two. Wait and profit. The glass of fashion and the world of form.

How Can You

Be oblivious to the many advantages of buying at cash stores? These prices are remarkable:

CHOICE POTATOES, BUTTER, 69c

CORNER CALIFORNIA HAM, 9c

NAVY BEANS, PER QT., 9c

1 QT. BOTTLES MAPLE SYRUP, 19c

PINT JARS PICKLES, 7c

1-LB. PKG. OF DATES, 5c

CHOICE LAYER FIGS, 10c

Best Elgin Butter, 29c

Butterfly, pound, 12 1/2

How Can You

Be oblivious to the many advantages of buying at cash stores? These prices are remarkable:

CHOICE POTATOES, BUTTER, 69c

CORNER CALIFORNIA HAM, 9c

NAVY BEANS, PER QT., 9c

1 QT. BOTTLES MAPLE SYRUP, 19c

PINT JARS PICKLES, 7c

1-LB. PKG. OF DATES, 5c

CHOICE LAYER FIGS, 10c

Best Elgin Butter, 29c

Butterfly, pound, 12 1/2

How Can You

Be oblivious to the many advantages of buying at cash stores? These prices are remarkable:

CHOICE POTATOES, BUTTER, 69c

CORNER CALIFORNIA HAM, 9c

NAVY BEANS, PER QT., 9c

1 QT. BOTTLES MAPLE SYRUP, 19c

PINT JARS PICKLES, 7c

1-LB. PKG. OF DATES, 5c

CHOICE LAYER FIGS, 10c

Best Elgin Butter, 29c

Butterfly, pound, 12 1/2

How Can You

Be oblivious to the many advantages of buying at cash stores? These prices are remarkable:

CHOICE POTATOES, BUTTER, 69c

CORNER CALIFORNIA HAM, 9c

NAVY BEANS, PER QT., 9c

1 QT. BOTTLES MAPLE SYRUP, 19c

PINT JARS PICKLES, 7c

1-LB. PKG. OF DATES, 5c